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PARTING

I shall go forth on some still night of stars,
Laughing aloud at bars!
The autumn wind, the crisped leaves, and I
In one mad, joyous motley all shall fly
Down lanes of dusk, blown free,—forever free!
The birches that I love will catch at me
With wistful, holding fingers, and the rose,
Withering on her stalk, her life shall close
In one last burst of perfume as I pass;
The curling grass
Will quiver at my touch . . . Yet ever high
Ablaze in unguessed reaches of the sky,
The whirling stars will call me on and on—
Past hill and town—
Under the window where my dear Love lies
With slumber pressed dream-deep upon her eyes.
(Here I shall pause to break a spray of vine,
Gedmed with remembering tears,—a seal to hold
her mine,
A sign to hint the way that I shall go—
And bind it in her lattice,—she will know.)
Then onward, like a wind-blown flame of light,
Forth on the undreamed pathways of the night!

VOTED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

Resolved: That it is the sense of the National Council of Congregational Churches that our nation should rise above all political partisanship in its international relations; and that the world situation demands that America proceed at once to enter into the World Court, which was urged upon the people as a present opportunity and duty by President Harding on his last journey. We believe that the United States should enter into the existing League of Nations, or find some more effective way to take our part in bearing the burdens of the world, solving its desperate problems and promoting peace among men."

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

The Washington State Congregational Conference held its annual meeting with the First Church, Tacoma, of which F. J. Van Horn is pastor. The Conference was marked by spiritual purpose and the theme "Ye Must be Born Again,"

ly introduced in the opening sermon . . . H. Simpson, the Presbyterian Pastor of the Federated Church, of Olympia. This was followed, in the evening, by the "Key-note" address of Horace C. Mason. C. J. Hawkins powerfully emphasized his conviction that the center around which we must preach is Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world.

Visiting speakers were E. A. Holt, Social Service Secretary of the C. E. S., and Geo. L. Cady, Secretary of the A. M. A., representing the Commission on Missions. Lucius O. Baird was unanimously and enthusiastically reelected Superintendent of the Washington Congregational Conference, for the ensuing three years. Rev. F. O. Wyatt, of Colfax, was elected Moderator for the coming year, and the invitation was accepted to meet at Dayton next October.

The Conference was preceded by a four-hours' session of the State Promotion Council for the 1924 Every Member Canvass.

ANOTHER RETREAT

For a fourth time the Pacific School of Religion is preparing to entertain the ministry of Northern California in an International Pastoral Conference, in Berkeley from January 14th to 17th. The leading speaker is to be Dean Charles R. Brown of the Yale Divinity School, who is to give the Earl lectures on "Why I Believe in Religion." The sub-heads are: Belief in God; The Fact of Christ; The Power of Atonement; The Value of Prayer; The Use of the Bible, and The Hope of Future Life.

The Haunted House is a series of sermons, seventeen in number, by Halford E. Luccock; fresh in thought, somewhat novel in approach, illustrative of the best methods; and full of meat. (The Abingdon Press; pp. 248; price \$1.50.)

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HUMAN HOSPITALITY

Let me not shut myself within myself
Nor dedicate my days to petty things,
Let there be many windows in my life,
The entrance to my heart a door that swings.

Where though I go and come with eyes that smile
And folk without as gladly come to me,
That haply I may learn that thing worth while—
The art of human hospitality.

Save me from self-preferment that would gain
Its cloistered place, safe sheltered from the strife
But purposeful and calm and sweet and sane,
Lord, keep me in the Living Room of Life!

A PERSONAL WORD.

At the last Conference at Asilomar a considerable discussion grew up around the fact that the Pacific showed a deficit of about \$600 each year. The upshot of the matter was a vote to continue the paper though some there were desirous of its discontinuance for financial reasons.

A vote was taken that the Trustees should appoint a committee of five who should have the future oversight of its publication. In order that such a committee might have full and free scope for its operations, I immediately offered the Board of Trustees my Resignation as editor; and it has been accepted by them.

I am now parting company with you, my numerous readers; many of whom I have never met face to face, though each month I have been speaking to you through these columns.

Let me in a little space express a large gratitude for your exceeding patience with my editorial shortcomings, and for the many words of kindness and praise, so unmerited, with which you have cheered my heart. Nor has the charm of their friendliness been much disturbed by those too few words of dispraise, which from time to time have reached my desk.

I assure you that I have been neither puffed up nor depressed by these messages for I know them to be

the natural income of the editorial office.

It is in my heart also to thank the Trustees of the Conference who afforded me the privilege of this service, and the rare satisfaction of these three, to me, delectable years. I have enjoyed the work, and I sincerely prize what it has meant to me.

Partings are never happy, but at the most they are only momentary; the memory of a kindly fellowship is perpetual.

E. CLARENCE OAKLEY.

LIVING TOGETHER

Anything that Bishop Francis J. McConnell of the Methodist Church puts out in book form is sure to be worth reading and thinking about. He gave a series of lectures in June 1923 at the University of California upon the Ministry of Reconciliation; and the six addresses have now been issued under the title of "Living Together".

He discusses Church Unity; the Church and Labor; Patriotism; Better terms with Science; and Christianity and the Rising Tide of Color. It is needless to say that his approach is his own; and he as usual says a number of things with which some readers will not agree, with which he himself does not altogether agree in other parts of his volume.

In his first lecture he punctures the suggestion that the "social forces of the world are bringing men closer together", by the comment, to true, that 'spatial contact' does not of itself make for spiritual fellowship....There is a stage in personal and group civilization when persons and peoples need fences. They feel better when they are not in too close touch. A community has come far along toward Christian fellowship when neighbors can take down their fences". (Living Together, by Francis J. McConnell; 244; price \$1.75 net; The Abingdon Press, New York.)

THE SANTA CLARA PRUNES

A group of kindred spirits—ministers in some of the Santa Clara churches—gathered together on Monday, November 5th, at the home of Rev. Charles G. Marshall of Sunnyvale, and under the rose arbor discussed a picnic luncheon and the "Theological training of the Ministry." The luncheon was of the usual out-of-door variety; and the mental pabulum was fresh, spicy, and withal stimulating. The coffee is always good and plentiful; the chops are the best ever; and the intellectual fellowship all that could be desired.

Reed Cherrington opened the discussion, and everybody else had his say. It had been well if some from the faculties of the various divinity schools about the Bay could have been within earshot. But on the whole it was decided the "schools"

were doing as well as could be expected. It reminded one of the poster hung in the choir-loft of one of the frontier churches, which read "Don't shoot the organist; he's doing as well as he can."

An expression of kindly sympathy was sent to Rev. C. E. Robinson of Cupertino and to Rev. R. B. Dodge of Redwood City, both of whom are members of the "Prunes."

The next meeting of the group is to be with the only saint among them, St. John, in celebration of his 75th birthday.

There are fourteen chapters by different writers in "Better Music in our Churches," edited by John Mann Walker. The writers have drawn from experience for their wisdom. All phases of the music question have been discussed; Music in the Sunday school; the Choir; Music at funerals; the Development of the music of the church. A useful compendium. (Methodist Book Concern; pages 214; price \$1.25 net.)

SONOMA ASSOCIATION

The Fifty Seventh meeting of the Sonoma Association was held with the Cloverdale church on Wednesday, November 14. This association is accustomed to have a morning and afternoon session only. It is largely an association of fellowship between the churches which otherwise do not have much knowledge of each others work.

The morning was given over to reports from the churches. There was not a church in the group that did not report progress. The Cotati church led the list with an encouraging report of growth and substantial improvements in the property with all bills paid. Petaluma, the largest church in the association, was not behind. Refitting its splendid property, increasing its membership, increasing its benevolences. In this strain all the churches reported.

The afternoon was given over to an inspiring report of the National Council by President H. F. Swartz. Superintendent Minchin, like the wise leader he is, brought to the churches the reports of the home field. He did not tell of any of the trials that the State Superintendent's office has, but allowed the association to enjoy with him the knowledge of the encouraging things that have recently occurred.

The meeting was attended by large delegations from every church but one, and was a great success.

L. D. R.

Glen Frank of the Century Magazine, who belongs to the liberal camp in religion, writes, "There is something in me that holds me fascinated at a

street corner, listening to a Salvation Army exhorter despite my inner revolt against his inadequate conception of life and religion. He confesses to appreciation and adversion at the same moment. He goes on to say that the universal hunger of this day is for a positive faith that "will satisfy the soul of the saint without disgusting the intellect of the scholar." Liberalism is reasonable but arctic; why cannot it have both sense and fire?

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Rev. O. A. Stillman leaves White Salmon, Washington to accept a call to Douglas, Alaska. He sailed November 17, on the steamer, Northwestern.

Rev. E. M. Elledge, of Sabetha, Kansas, is supplying for one month, the Green Lake Church, Seattle.

Hiram B. Harrison, of the Congregational Home Missionary Society, commenced work, November 18, in the North Side District of Spokane, where two churches, Corbin Park and Pilgrim, have united to form one church.

Two educational pulpits have been made vacant by the resignation of C. N. Curtis, of Pullman and O. H. Holmes, of Walla Walla.

Seven Association Councils, preparatory to the Every Member Canvass, were held throughout the state of Washington, between October 18th and November 2nd.

The first unit of the new church building at Walla Walla, which will house the Sunday School and the social activities, furnishing a temporary auditorium, will be dedicated on December 9th. On the 11th, the church will hold a house warming and fellowship meeting, enteretaining the State Conference Board of Directors.

Rev. A. N. Mac Donald has resigned as pastor of Alki Church, Seattle.

Rev. A. A. Doyle, formerly pastor at Chewelah, has accepted a call to Bonner's Ferry, Idaho.

Rev. C. H. Christiansen has accepted a call to Ione and Metaline Falls.

Rev. W. J. Osborne, of Kellog, Idaho, has been called to Priest River.

Rev. Gottlob Keppler, registrar and treasurer of the Pacific Congregational Conference, has moved from Penawawa to La Crosse, Washington.

H. F. D.

Child Types, by Frances W. Danielson, is a handy little volume in consideration of the various sorts of children in the world, and appropriate advice as to how they should be dealt with. Those who have much to do with little children cannot fail to get help in these pages. (The Pilgrim Press, Boston: pp. 129.)

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IMPRESSIONS FROM THE COUNCIL

by Prof. C. S. Nash, Rev. H. H. Kelsey, President H. F. Swartz, Rev. T. T. Giffen.

The Springfield meeting enrolled upwards of 2500 representatives of the Congregational Churches of the United States and mission fields. A major impression from the eight days of personal association and program is that of a magnificent body of Christians and churches, intelligent, broad-minded, vibrant with profound convictions of truth, united and trustful of one another, devoted to the Christian service, awake to the mighty world issues of the day, resolute in the "will to peace", assured that Christ and Christ alone can save the world, ready and eager for church union, more intent on the Kingdom of God than on denominational promotion. The chief aspirations at Springfield were, throughout our churches are, to "take Jesus in earnest" and to achieve the "amplification of spiritual power through fellowship". Great things are possible to those who are vital with such faith.

One caution may be uttered. The Springfield program seemed built on the sole principle of inspired and kindling addresses. The result was inspiring. But less than a scant time was accorded to business. The National Council is the business body of 800,000 democratic Americans Christians, organized in 7,000 churches. These Christians are not willing to commit their total administration to a band of officials leading a group of centralized committees and commissions. The past twenty years have seen the laborious development of our National Council and its meetings from complete programs of inspiration toward adequate business efficiency, from central control toward wide-spread delegated participation. The Springfield program was a noticeable reversion toward the past. Little business could be done by the authorized delegates assembled. Accordingly steps were taken toward effective group action through the biennium. It is to be hoped that representative democracy will retain its gains in our National Congregational administration.

—C. S. N.

By common consent the National Council at Springfield was the best ever held.

1. It was the largest, 557, voting members was a record. For the first time provision was made for the people who wished to attend to register in advance, pay a small fee and have a badge entitling them to

seats. These corresponding members together with all honorary members made a total of 2604.

2. Members begat enthusiasm. The Council was great in its spirit.

3. It was great in its addresses. The themes presented were vital. In every speech reference was made to the distressful, threatening aspects of the world situation. All agreed that Christ is the one hope of deliverance and that the church today faces a compelling and crucial challenge and opportunity. Her message must be given to the world now. There was no time wasted in tinkering denominational machinery or in theological debate. We faced a great task and girded ourselves afresh for the achievement. Every one present took back to his home church and community a larger vision of the world need now and of the responsibility of our church to be in a larger degree an agency through which redemptive energy shall be released into the world's life. Some wanted to complete the \$5,000,000 for 1923 before December 31st and offered generous subscriptions. All the 2600 will work for the full Five Million in '24.

The Council awakened new Courage, gave a new vision.

—H. H. K.

This was a Council of ideals. We spent less time in the transaction of denominational business or in the adjusting of denominational apparatus than in any Council for years. We gave less attention to discussion of mooted theological questions than has probably been done by any denominational national meeting of whatever name. Congregationalism has clearly emerged from the disputations about theory into the acceptance of the validity of the realities of religion. We have a lively interest in fundamentalism and kindred subjects, but it is not a commanding interest and scarcely appeared above the horizon of the Council.

We did, however, approach with open minds and fearless souls the great problems of the Kingdom of God as they appear at this day. Among such great themes were the application of the principles of Christianity to international relationships, the awakening of the conscience to the orderly processes of the law, fearless consideration of the bitter problems of the employer and the employee, the preplexities associated with active and organic co-operation of Christians in the name of the united Church, and the joy and duty of the evangelistic proclamation of Christ as the master of human life—these great subjects were set forth with an eloquence and convincing power probably never before matched in any so long a series of meetings.

If only this all might have been crystallized in a firmer structure than written resolutions, this Council could go down through history as the day of the

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dawning of the sun after the nighttime of the war.

—H. F. S.

The National Council devoted itself to consideration of practical rather than theoretical questions. There was no discussion of the nature of the Deity but much earnest prayer that men might know and do God's will. I heard no mention of the contention between fundamentalist and liberal about the inspiration of the Bible; I heard many speakers searching the scriptures as though they believed that in them they could find the message of eternal life. No one in my hearing attempted to define the meaning of the Divinity of Jesus, but there seemed to be a deep conviction in the heart of the Council that the essence of Christianity is "to take Jesus in earnest".

One notices in the National Council an absence of dogmatism on the part of the proponents of measures. Proposals would be made and earnestly commended, and then the advocates would cheerfully acquiesce in an adverse decision. What members seemed to seek was not that their plan should win approval but that the question should be intelligently considered and that the will of the majority should prevail.

The absence of objectionable politics was marked. I was in Springfield a full day before the meetings opened, stayed to the end, attended most of the sessions, and talked with many men who were deeply interested in actions which the Council might take. But I heard no one attempting in any other way than frank and public appeal to influence any one's vote or determine action on any measure whatever.

The program as arranged was great. It was, like most programs, too crowded. But the Moderator and business committee wrestled valiantly and successfully with it. The next time there will be more opportunity for general discussion of important measures.

—T. T. G.

AMONG THE BOOKS

Tales of Golden Deeds; and Teacher's Manual, by Mildred O. Moody, are two volumes for instruction of children in stories of Golden Deeds in the world. The children are of the Junior age, about nine years, and the purpose is to create and stimulate motives for Christian conduct. ((The Abingdon Press, New York; pp. 96 and 221; prices \$1.00 and \$1.25 net).

One Hundred and One Hymn Stories by Carl F. Price gives in compact simple form the circumstances under which that number of familiar church hymns have come into being. It creates a new interest and gives an added value to any hymn if we know the incident or condition which produced it. (The Abingdon Press, New York; pp. 109; 75 cents net).

Prof. Frederick Carl Eiselen of the Garrett Bib-

lical Institute has produced two valuable volumes on the Prophetic Books of the Old Testament. It comes in two parts, the first covering the "Prophetic Histories"—Joshua, Judges, Samuels and Kings; the second part taking in all the major and minor prophets. The work is thoroughly scholarly and modern and will be found to be of great value to those who desire to go rather far in the matter of Higher Criticism. (The Methodist Book Concern, New York; pages 620; two volumes, \$2.50 each).

In "The Master," the author, J. Wesley Johnston, has endeavored with some success to make vivid the life and times of Jesus by a narration of incidents supposed to happen in those days. In all ten stories, gathered about the New Testament account of Jesus. (The Abingdon Press; pp 180; price \$1.25.)

W. E. Tilore is professor of Pastoral Theology in the University of Southern California. In his volume, "Sent Forth," he elucidates his instruction to preachers. The preacher is the man who is "sent forth." There is a deal of good advice and some encouragement in his 250 pages. (The Abingdon Press; \$1.75 net.)

The Pilgrim Press has issued two illustrated volumes of stories by Jeanette Eloise Perkins, intended for primary children; they are "The Knights of Anytown" and "The Rest of the Family." Each contains twelve beautiful stories, winsome for the little children, and more than that, inspiring. The stories can be used in week-day religious education work, and if so used a Leader's Manual (85c) would be helpful. (Pilgrim Press; Boston; pages 139 and 159; price \$1.50 each.)

"Raising the Old Boy" is a small paper covered book of 92 pages, by Henry E. Wing, issued by the Abingdon Press. It is a picture of a boy's life and experience in New England in the middle of last century. (50c.)

The Pilgrim Press issues "A Study of Adult Life", a compact volume of 114 pages (60 cents) by Theo-

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TWO PRAYERS

Last night my little boy confessed to me
Some childish wrong;
And kneeling at my knee
He prayed with tears:
"Dear God, make me a man,
Like Daddy—wise and strong;
I know You can."

Then while he slept
I knelt beside his bed,
Confessed my sins,
And prayed with low-bowed head,
"O God, make me a child
Like my child here—
Pure, guileless,
Trusting Thee with faith sincere."

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

Saratoga:—The Federate Church is fast becoming the Community church, under the able leadership of the pastor, Roscoe D. Douglas. Already one denomination which was carrying on a meager work in the town has voted to discontinue, the members of the congregation hereafter worshipping with the Federated. The Episcopalian rector of Las Gatos has been conducting an early morning service with a handful of attendants. He has decided to transfer his service to the new building of the Federated church, with the expectation of eventually becoming a part of the Community church. This is a demonstration of the Christian Union we have so long been talking about.

Palo Alto:—Willard B. Thorp received into the membership of the Palo Alto church fifteen new members on Sunday, November 4th. About half of these were students, all of whom united on confession of faith. The Palo Alto church now enrolls two hundred members. During Mr. Thorp's ministry of four years the church has steadily grown from an enrollment of little more than one hundred.

San Jose:—Fred W. Morrison, pastor. The church seems to be very much alive. Beside receiving a most encouraging group of new members in the morning, the church began in the evening of November 4th, a School of Missions, in which provision is made for the whole family, from the juniors up to the greyheaded or bald headed men, and the mature women. At 5 p. m. Sunday evenings there are to be vesper services; from 6 to 6:20 a family lunch together; then to 6:40 pictures; and from then

on study classes. Six willing and efficient workers are to have the instruction portion of the evening. The church has also undertaken a novel family gathering in the shape of a Wednesday evening Indoor Picnic, which is of a fellowship nature, for the sake of the new members received.

Plymouth, Oakland:—Charles Luther Kloss, Transcontinental Guide, Preacher, Lecturer, was back in his old pulpit, the Plymouth of Oakland, on Sunday, November 11th, with an address on "Europe five years after." In the evening of the same day the Acting Pastor F. V. Fisher spoke on "The nation that forgot." Fred Morrill of the Pacific School of Religion has been elected as Director of Religious Education and of Center Activities.

Sunnyvale:—The annual meeting of the church was held on November 2, after a bountiful dinner served by the Ladies' Aid Society. All treasuries showed a balanced budget except benevolences. Rev. F. A. Bissell was re-elected for the third year of service. During the past year the building has been treated to a two-fold coat of paint. Under the faithful and efficient care of the Superintendent and teachers the Sunday school is showing marked improvement. Two of our faithful women members, Mrs. Will C. Beach and Mrs. A. E. Wagner passed to their reward in a week's time of each other, their funeral services being held at the church on consecutive Friday afternoons. Both were active workers in the church whom we could ill afford to lose. Mr. Bissell, who met with an automobile accident some days ago, is gradually getting back into shape. His leg was struck by the fender of the machine and he was thrown down, but luckily no bones were broken.

Ripon:—Rev. Charles H. Dains has just completed his first year of service, during which time an indebtedness of \$400 upon the church lots has been paid. The every member canvass placed the church in the best financial condition of its history. The congregations have been encouraging throughout the year, as well as the Sunday school attendance. Fifty have been added to the church during the year.

Ceres:—The church at Ceres has "A Steering Committee" for Every Member Canvass, that is alive. Posters, sent out by the National Commission, have been put up and some local ones made. The Armistice Day services arranged by the pastor attracted considerable attention and favorable comment, in fact we got on the "front page" in the Modesto papers. Our new parish house will soon be finished. We have been waiting funds, but the very alert Ladies' Aid decided to borrow the money from themselves and rush it through, five or six families advancing the money, thus avoiding a bank

loan, and paying banking interest. • Our Sunday School is meeting by departments, each with its own opening exercises. The young people take great interest in the plan. The Steering Committee has offered a prize for the best poster for "E. M. C." This is open to our high school students. Our audiences are very encouraging as the pastor is entering in his fourth year of service.

First Church, Oakland—Two hundred members of our congregation last Sunday signed the Harding Memorial Petition, urging the President and the Senate to act at once upon the recommendations of our late President, Warren Gamaliel Harding, in his message to the Senate, February 24th, 1923, that the United States enter the World Court. That petition with the signatures, has been forwarded to President Coolidge, and copies have been sent to Senators Johnson and Shorridge. In the message referred to in the petition President Harding proposed that the United States enter the World Court under the following reservations: (1) No legal relations to the League involved; (2) the United States may participate in the election of the judges through representatives designated for the purpose and on an equality with other states; (3) the United States will pay a fair share of the expenses of the court; (4) the statute establishing the Court shall not be amended without the consent of the United States. These conditions fully safeguard the interests of the United States, and the Christian churches generally and fervently hope that our Senate will act.

Kenwood—Has just had a Bazaar which was eminently successful. Pastor Hannaford is proving himself to be just the man for this widely scattered flock and the community has never rallied to the church better than at the present time.

Glenn Ellen—Which shares with Kenwood the care of Rev. W. H. Hannaford is showing equal progress with Kenwood. The new piano and the recent re-roofing of the church with all bills paid for each improvement are marks of growth.

Sonoma—Is proving that the cumulative strength of a longer continued and wise pastorate is considerable. The Sunday School is seriously crowding the rooms of the church. The three Y. P. S. C. E. Societies are going with increased numbers and interest. Pastor Cookman carries the respect of the entire community.

Sant Rosa—First Church is rejoicing in the return of Pastor Emmons for another year to the Federated Church. The Sunday Night Community Service continues to be a big feature of the work in this church. The Ladies Club of the church is making a marked impression on the city by its good deeds. The Sunday School continues to go and grow.

Martinez—After four and a half years of service,

the pastor, N. F. Sanderson is resigning to take a rest of a few months, before entering upon a new field. During his time some very important additions and improvements have been made to the church property, especially the installing of a commodious and serviceable basement. He has had all the time at least one Christian Endeavor Society and at the time of his resignation, three. Upon accepting the resignation, the church passed a set of resolutions concerning Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson, highly commending them for their spirit of their service and the beauty of their characters. After eighteen years continuously in the ministry Mr. Sanderson feels that he would like a little respite.

Sacramento—Rev. H. H. Gill the pastor has recently preached a sermon on "Darwin and Bryan" which has attracted some little attention. He said in part:

"It is not within the province of this address to defend the doctrine of evolution. That is the problem of scientists. It is rather to defend many Christians who believe in evolution, and have been bitterly attacked as heretics, and also to enter a plea for the students in our high schools and colleges who are being driven out of our churches by the false notion that evolution and Christianity are irreconcilable. Earnest protests should be entered against certain well-meaning persons, such as Wm. J. Bryan, in the policy of stamping out the teaching of evolution in our schools and doing it in the name of religion. If evolution is false, science can not save it. If it is true, religion cannot kill it, and ought not to try. In neither case is our faith at stake. Science may well concern itself with origins. It is for our religion to deal with destinies."

Lodi—Our pastor, Rev. C. H. Stevens, has returned from his enforced vacation, as he says, in better health than when he came to us in February, so the church is looking forward to a successful winter's work. November 4 to 11 inclusive, Dr. W. P. White conducted a Bible Study in the church. These meetings were well attended and all who were privileged to be present express gratitude for help received and for the opportunity to study under such efficient leadership. Friday evening, November 16th, the Father and Son Banquet was held culminating with a delightful program including an address by Mr. White of the Stockton Congregational Church. There

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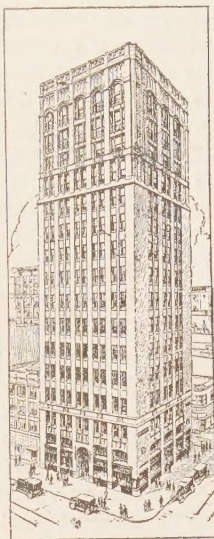
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were about seventy men and boys at the table. November 18th at the regular communion service seven members were received into the church fellowship.

The Sunday School is well organized with a corps of officers and teachers interested in the work and growth of the school. For the Rally Day services the last Sunday in September there were in attendance, 204. The regular Sunday School services average 165. The Y. P. S. C. E. is increasing in attendance and interest. The intermediate C. E. has a fine lot of young people ready and willing to do things. The Junior C. E. with an attendance of 17 on Sunday afternoons, shows healthy growth and interest in Bible Study as well as the monthly social. The Woman's Association raised its full quota of \$800 for the Jubilee Fund and it is still hard at work. This year the ladies are studying Japan and her needs. Quite a lot of clothing and other necessities have been sent to the Indian Mission at Fort Bidwell,

five gunny sacks full being sent in the first shipment.

Campbell—At the morning service last Sunday two persons were received into membership. At the service also the church was presented with a beautiful five by eight foot American flag. It is the joint gift of the G. A. R. Post and W. R. Corps of Los Gatos. The gift was made as a mark of appreciation of the large representation from this church in the membership of these organizations. Our annual Men's Farewell and served at the luncheon. After the conclusion of the fellowship around the tables, six of our members gave one of Wilbur Tupper's playlets entitled, "Mr. Frazier's Friends." At the close of the entertainment Edmund Vance Cook, whose sister is a member of this congregation, and who was the guest of the men that evening, delighted the audience with several witty skits. Recently two of our members presented the church with a fine Lantern of the Bosch Lomb Baloptican type, which we are using to good effect on occasional Sunday evenings. For five Sunday mornings the pastor has preached on "Lessons from the Fourth Gospel" to the interested and increasing congregations. The annual District Christian Endeavor Society Convention was entertained in this church in October. Over two hundred registered delegates were in attendance.

Cloverdale—The Cloverdale church begins its second year under the pastorate of Rev. L. D. Rathbone with a feeling of encouragement. The Sunday school has increased by over 100 per cent in the past year. Thirteen new members have been added to the church in the year. Benevolences have already marked a 20 per cent increase for the whole year. There is more to come. The current expense budget is much larger than for some years. The church is hopeful for the future.

New members were received into the San Jose church to the number of 18; to the First Church of Oakland 3 on the affirmation of their faith; and into the church at Niles 3 adults, 2 of them on confession of faith.

Rev. Samuel C. Paterson, who was not long ago Pastor of the North Church at Berkeley; has been called to the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church at Concord. He has been living in that neighborhood since leaving Berkeley.

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